Herbert Johnson Motor Racing Helmet

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Description

A VINTAGE HERBERT JOHNSON MOTOR RACING HELMET.
A very fine motor racing crash helmet by Herbert Johnson, formerly owned by the racing driver F.W Carr, who famously crashed his supercharged MG 'N' Type into the Members Bridge at the 1937 Brooklands Easter meeting, and walked away. The helmet is made of a light weight shellac construction with moulded peak with a removable leather & celluloid wrap-around visor. There is also a driver's reinforced webbing waist-belt and a pair of goggles by E. B. Meyrowitz. The goggles are nickel-plated with gauze vented side shields and nose bridge adjustment (lenses and straps are missing). The helmet has a cork interior, fitted with a leather headband with linen neck and ear protectors and a chin strap, all with leather strapping. At the rear of the helmet is a leather loop to fit a goggle strap whilst inside the helmet there is a Herbert Johnson trade label, with the size 6 7/8 written in pen. This is an excellent piece of British motoring history in lovely condition.

Mr Emil Bruno Meyrowitz, born in Prussia, 1852, was a pioneer in optics and had practices in Paris, New York as well as in London during his career. Meyrowitz started its legacy by designing products for a distinguished and international clientele.

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